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SUBJECT: MERCHANT SHIPPING: EXEMPTION FOR BAHAMIAN VESSELS
FROM U.S. SPECIAL TONNAGE TAXES

1. 46U.S. CODE 121 AND 128 SET SPECIAL TONNAGE TAX
AND A LIGHT MONEY DUTY TOTALING DOLLARS 1.00 PER
TON FOR FOREIGN VESSELS ENTERING U.S. PORTS.
46 U.S.C. 141 PROVIDES THAT UPON SATISFACTORY
PROOF OF RECIPROCITY THIS DOLLARS 1.00 PER TON TAX
NOT BE LEVIED AGAINST SHIPS OF A FOREIGN NATION.
CUSTOMS REGULATION 19 C.F.R. 4.22 LISTS OVER 100
NATIONS CURRENTLY EXEMPTED FROM PAYING THE SPECIAL
TONNAGE TAX AND LIGHT MONEY DUTY. THE BAHAMAS
IS NOT LISTED UNDER 19 C.F.R. 4.22.

2. FOR THE BAHAMAS TO BE LISTED UNDER 19 C.F.R. 4.22,
THE PROVISIONS OF 46 U.S.C. 141 MUST BE COMPLIED
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WITH; AND THEREFORE WE NEED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS WITH ITS ".....
ASSURANCES THAT NO DISCRIMINATING DUTIES OF TONNAGE
OR IMPOSTS ARE IMPOSED OR LEVIED IN THE PORTS OF
THE BAHAMAS UPON VESSELS WHOLLY BELONGING TO
CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, OR UPON THE PRODUCE,

MANUFACTURES, OR MERCHANDISE IMPORTED FROM THE
UNITED STATES OR FROM ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY IN VESSELS
OF THE UNITED STATES."

3. AS SOON AS THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE IS RECEIVED
EITHER THROUGH EMBASSY NASSAU OR FROM THE BAHAMIAN
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL
EXPEDITE THE ADDITION OF THE BAHAMAS TO THE
19 C.F.R. 4.22 LIST. KISSINGER

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